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Serial No.: 10/661,204) Art Unit: 2839
Filed: September 12, 2003) Examiner: Hyeon, Hae M.
Title: Optical Tube Assembly Having A Dry Insert
And Methods of Making the Same)

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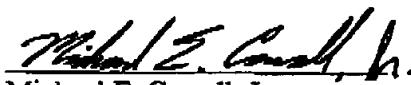
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